

**BOARD LETTER – SUMMARY SHEET
HEALTH AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES CLUSTER**

AGENDA REVIEW	10/03/12
BOARD MEETING	10/16/12
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT	All
DEPARTMENT	Mental Health
SUBJECT	Request approval to expend funds to host and conduct the Thirteenth Annual Mental Health Commission Profile's of Hope, Volunteer, and Program Recognition Awards, to be held on October 25, 2012, at the Catalina Seafood Inc.
PROGRAM	The Commission's Annual Volunteer and Program Recognition Awards is the sole opportunity for the Commission to recognize and honor outstanding members of the mental health community.
DEADLINES	None
COST & FUNDING	The FY 2012-13 DMH Adopted Budget includes sufficient appropriation to fund the estimated \$15,000 total cost of the conference. The conference will be fully funded by sales tax realignment revenue. The estimated costs include \$10,320 for catering services, \$675 for technical support/entertainment, \$2,250 for awards and other costs, \$1000 for invitations and postage, and \$750 for keynote and other speakers. Funding for future years will be requested through DMH's annual budget request process. There is no net County cost impact associated with these actions.
PURPOSE OF REQUEST	Board approval of the recommended actions will enable the Mental Health Commission (Commission) to host the Thirteenth Annual Profiles of Hope, Volunteer, and Program Recognition Awards, to be held on October 25, 2012, at the Catalina Seafood Inc.
SUMMARY/ ISSUES (Briefly summarize program and potential issues or concerns. Identify changes, if any, to level of funding or staffing; how funding will be utilized and why best use; and prior accomplishments.)	<p>Since 2003, DMH and the Commission have sponsored an annual Volunteer and Program Recognition Awards. This event unites clients and family members, community representatives. It is also an opportunity for mental health agencies to acknowledge volunteers, who have increased the value in their lives. This is an award's program for 220 attendees. Catering services are needed because many of the consumers and students attending the program do not have the financial resources to pay for food. During the lunch session, consumers/students have the opportunity to network and share personal resources.</p> <p>At this conference, the Commission, provides an opportunity to support DMH in its mission to reinforce the power of hope and positive thinking and provide an environment that envisions solutions to the many challenges of having a mental illness. Volunteers provide many unique and transformative resources to consumers that support their journey to wellness and recovery.</p>
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